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SEVERAL NATO AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SENIOR GOR OFFICIALS THAT DEP FOREIGN MIN ECOBESCU HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED OUT OF MFA TO RELATIVELY NEW APPARATUS OF " COUNSELLORS" IN COUNCIL OF STATE OR CENTRAL COMMITTEE (LATTER ARE IN REALITY CLOSELY RELATED, ALMOST SYNONOMOUS). ECOBESCU WOULD REPORTEDLY BE " LOWER" THAN MALITA AND PUNGAN, HOWEVER. ECOBESCU' S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN TAKEN OVER TEMPORARILY BY GHENEA. VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF ABOVE EXISTS IN FACT THAT ECOBESCU TOOK PART IN ARRIVAL CEREMONIES FOR UPPER VOLTA PRESIDENT ON JUNE 11 BUT GHENEA HAD REPLACED HIM IN THIS ROLE AT DEPARTURE CEREMONY). THIS LEAVES ONLY TWO DEPUTY MINISTERS AT MONENT, GHENEA AND GLIZA AND LATTER WILL BE LEAVING THIS FALL ACCORDING TO RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN MACOVESCU AND A WESTERN AMBASSADOR. GLIGA OFFERED SAME CONFIRMATION FOR ECOBESCU' S DEPARTURE FROM MFA, INCIDENTALLY, BY COMPLAINING TO ONE AMBASSADOR LATE LAST WEEK THAT HE AND GHENEA WOULD LOSE THEIR VACATIONS SINCE THERE WERE NOW ONLY TWO OF THEM. FINALLY, ANOTHER NATO AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD THAT

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CSCE NEGOTIATION LIPATTI WAS SLATED TO BECOME FIRST DEPUTY
FOREIGN MIN (MACOVESCU' S OLD JOB), PROBABLY AFTER GLIGA' S
DEPARTURE FOR AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENT.
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